GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:170
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
TOURISTS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic/foreign tourists who visited different locations of Jammu and Kashmir State, particularly Mata Vaishno Devi and Amarnath during each of the last three years and are expected to visit during the current year; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure the safety and security of these tourists?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 170 ANSWERED ON 30-11-2000 REGARDING TOURISTS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR.

(a) According to the statistics provided by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, the total number of visits of domestic tourists/pilgrims and foreign tourists in the State and at Mata Vaishno Devi and Amarnath during the years 1997 to 2000 are as follows:

Year	Jammu & Kashmir		Mata Vaishno Devi	Amarnath
	Number of tourists			
	Domestic	Foreign	Number of Pilgrims	Number of Pilgrims
1997	4524286	21921	4434233	79035
1998	4878445	25485	4622097	149920
1999	4984773	26799	4668340	114366
2000	4692648	17935	4412896	173334

(Jan-Oct.)

(b) Providing safety and security to the tourists including pilgrims is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, State Government of Jammu & Kashmir also deploys tourist police for providing assistance to the tourists.